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*House Meets at 10:30 a.m. for Morning Hour  
and 12:00 p.m. for Legislative Business  
(No Votes Before 6:00 p.m.)*

*Anticipated Floor Action:*

**H. R. 4542—To Designate the Washington Opera as the National Opera**

**H.Con.Res. 229—Expressing the Sense of Congress Regarding  
the Congressional Philharmonic Society**

**H.Res. 509—Recognizing the Importance of African-American Music**

**H.R. 4241—Designating the “Les Aspin Post Office Building”**

**H.R. 3030—Designating the “Matthew F. McHugh Post Office”**

**H.R. 4435—Clarifying Certain Boundaries of the Coastal  
Barrier Resources System**

**H.R. 3535—Shark Finning Prohibition Act**

**S. 356 —Wellton-Mohawk Transfer Act**

**S. 291—Carlsbad Irrigation Project Acquired Land Transfer Act**

**H.R. 3176—Directing a Study to Restore the Kealia Pond National Wildlife  
Refuge**

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## **Bills Considered Under Suspension of the Rules**

**Floor Situation:** The House will consider the following ten bills under suspension of the rules as its first order of business today. Each is debatable for 40 minutes, may not be amended, and requires a two-thirds majority vote for passage.

**H.R. 4542** designates the Washington Opera, organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, as the “National Opera.” The bill was introduced by Mr. Goodling on May 25, 2000 and was not considered by a committee.

**H.Con.Res. 229** expresses the sense of the Congress that the United States Philharmonic Society should be applauded for (1) organizing the United States Congressional Choral Society and the United States Congressional Philharmonic Orchestra, (2) promoting a better understanding of American culture through sponsorship and support of these groups as they communicate through musical concerts and other multimedia performances throughout the world, and (3) promoting music through education and encouraging people to commit to expression of musical performance. The bill was introduced by Mr. Davis on November 16, 1999 and was not considered by a committee.

**H.Res. 509** expresses the sense of the House that it (1) recognize the importance of the contributions of African-American music to global culture and the positive impact of African-American music on global commerce, and (2) calls on the people of the United States to take the opportunity to study, reflect on, and celebrate the majesty, vitality, and importance of African-American Music. The bill was introduced by Mr. Fattah on May 23, 2000 and was not considered by a committee.

**H.R. 4241** designates the post office located at 1818 Milton Avenue in Janesville, Wisconsin as the “Les Aspin Post Office Building.” The late Mr. Aspin served as a Member of the House of Representatives from 1970-1992, where he was Chairman of the Armed Services Committee. In 1993, he was appointed Secretary of Defense for the Clinton Administration until his resignation in 1994. Mr. Aspin passed away on May 21, 1995 at the age of 57. The bill was introduced by Mr. Ryan on April 11, 2000 and was not considered by a committee.

**H.R. 3030** designates the post office located at 757 Warren Road in Ithaca, New York, as the “Matthew F. McHugh Post Office Building.” Former Congressman, Matthew F. McHugh of New York, served on various committees including the Appropriations Committee, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence and the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct. He acted as Vice President of Cornell University from January, 1993 until April, 1993. He presently serves as counselor to World Bank President, James D. Wolfensohn. The bill was introduced by Mr. Hinchey on October 6, 2000 and was reported from the Government Reform Committee by voice vote on March 9, 2000.

**H.R. 4435** clarifies certain boundaries on the map relating to Unit NC-01 of the Coastal Barrier Resource System, which includes Curritock County, North Carolina. NC-01 was designated as a protected area in 1990 and a significant amount of privately and publicly developed property was included within the boundary of the protected area. In 1992, Congress directed the Secretary of the Interior to redraw the boundary to include the area owned by the National Audubon Society and the aquatic habitat of Pine Island Bay and Goat Island Bay. This new map failed to accurately portray the boundary and upon notification from the Fish and Wildlife Service, a new map was created. The correction removes the incorrectly labeled private property, and includes an associated aquatic habitat that was left out of the unit in 1992. This change will increase the unit by 2, 326 acres. H.R. 4435 was introduced by Mr. Jones on May 11, 2000 and was reported from the Resources Committee by voice vote on May 24, 2000.

**H.R. 3535** eliminates the practice of shark finning and reduces the risk of high mortality levels associated with shark finning in the Pacific Ocean waters of the United States. Specifically, the bill amends Section 307 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act by making it illegal to (1)

remove any of the fins of a shark (including the tail) and discard the carcass of the shark at sea; (2) to have custody, control, or possession of any such fin aboard a fishing vessel without the corresponding carcass; or (3) to land any such fin without the corresponding carcass. At press time the CBO had not released a cost estimate. The measure was introduced by Mr. Cunningham on January 27, 2000 and was reported from the Resources Committee by voice vote on May 24, 2000.

**S. 356** authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to carry out the terms of a memorandum of agreement providing for the transfer of works, facilities, and lands to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District. Specifically, the bill (1) directs the Secretaries of Interior and Energy to provide for and deliver Colorado River water and Parker-Davis Project Priority Use Power in accordance with existing contracts with the District; (2) requires the Secretary to submit a status report if such transfer has not occurred by July 1, 2000; and (3) authorizes to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act. CBO estimates that implementing this bill would result in additional spending of about \$500,000 by the bureau over the 2000-2001 period. In addition the district would pay a minimum of about \$2 million in 2002 for certain federally owned lands. The bill was introduced by Senator Kyl on February 3, 1999. The Senate passed S.365 by unanimous consent on March 25, 1999.

**S. 291** authorizes the Interior Secretary to convey specified lands and interests in the Carlsbad Project, New Mexico, to the Carlsbad Irrigation District. If the conveyance does not take place within 180 days after the enactment of the measure the Interior Secretary is required to report to Congress.

Under the measure, the Secretary must (1) provide a written identification of all mineral and grazing leases in effect of the lands to be transferred, and (2) notify all leaseholders of the conveyance made by the bill. Furthermore, the bill requires that all proceeds from leases, licenses and permits (after the conveyance is made) be used for the Carlsbad Project and for financing the portion of operations and maintenance of the Sumner Dam that was the responsibility of the Bureau of Reclamation prior to the land being conveyed to the Carlsbad Irrigation District. Also, the bill requires that funds paid into the reclamation fund as construction credits for the Carlsbad Project are to be used for deficit reduction or retirement of the federal debt. CBO estimates that implementing the bill will reduce discretionary spending by about \$20,000 a year, and enacting S. 291 will increase direct spending by \$200,000 annually beginning in 2000. S. 291 was introduced by Senator Domenici on January 21, 1999 and passed the Senate by unanimous consent on March 25, 1999.

**H.R. 3176** authorizes \$250,000 for a one-year study on restoring the natural wetland conditions of the Kealia Pond National Wildlife Refuge on the island of Maui, Hawaii. This bill requires the United States Geological Survey (USGS) to use the funds to study the ecosystem and determine possible ways to restore the refuge's natural condition. At press time the CBO had not released a cost estimate. The measure was introduced by Ms. Mink on October 28, 1999 and was reported by voice vote from the Resources Committee on May 24, 2000.

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